New owner closes on Crucible Specialty Metals plant



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Geddes, NY--Crucible Specialty Metals in Geddes now officially has a new owner, and a new name.

Crucible Industries LLC today completed its \$8 million purchase of substantially all of the operating assets of the plant on State Fair Boulevard from the bankrupt Crucible Materials Corp.

The plant's new name is Crucible Industries LLC.

Crucible Industries is a privately held company formed by J.P. Industries of Cleveland to purchase the plant out of bankruptcy. It was the successful bidder at a Sept. 21 bankruptcy court auction in Delaware.

The company said it intends to restart operations in November after a lengthy plant shutdown. Crucible makes a very strong steel that is made into tools and automotive valves.

Empire State Development has offered the company an \$8 million loan, according to Dennis Mullen, the economic development agency's president, chief executive and chairman. The company will have three years to repay the loan, he said.

The new owners of the plant have told officials of the three United Steelworkers of America locals that represent workers at the plant that it plans to rehire 200 workers within the next 60 days.

Crucible Materials Corp. filed for bankruptcy in May listing \$70 million in debts.

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